



James Massar III

Year of Induction: **2015**

Year of Graduation: **2005**

The expression “rewrote the record books” may be overused and in many cases overstating one’s accomplishments, but in the case of the career of Johnson City’s James Massar from the Class of 2005, this description is fitting. At the conclusion of his scholastic track and field career, Mr. Massar would own numerous school, STAC, and Section IV records, and his achievements place him among the top runners ever to compete for the Wildcats.

From the spring of 2001 until his graduation in June of 2005, Mr. Massar earned 10 varsity letters: 5 in track and field, 4 in cross country, and 1 in basketball. Wasting no time with making an impact on the varsity track and field scene, Mr. Massar won the triple jump STAC championship as a freshman in 2002. As they say, there was no looking back from there:

Sophomore Year Track and Field Season—2003:

1st Place Triple Jump and 100 meters at the Parkhurst Invitational
STAC Champion in the Triple Jump
Section IV Champion in the Triple Jump and 100 meters

Junior Year Track and Field Season—2004:

1st Place in the 100 meters and 200 meters at the Parkhurst Invitational (tied meet record of 10.9 seconds in the 100 meter race)
STAC Champion in the 100 meters and 200 meters
Section IV Champion in 100 meters and 200 meters
Finished 8th in the 100 meters in the NYS Championships

Senior Year Track and Field Season—2005:

Most Valuable Runner—Champion 100 meters and 200 meters (new meet records in both races)
STAC Champion 100 meters and 200 meters
Section IV Champion in 100 meters and 400 meters
2nd Place finish in 400 meters race at the NYS Championships
High School All-American at the Nike Outdoor Nationals held at North Carolina A & T University

His six Johnson City track and field records, three STAC records, and one Section IV record earned James

an athletic scholarship to run for the Bearcats at Binghamton University. Mr. Massar continued to experience success at the college level as he set new school records in both the 200 meters and 400 meters.

The Johnson City Athletic Hall of Fame is proud to welcome James Massar, JCHS Class of 2005, a runner who left a legacy of broken records (and countless opponents) in his wake.